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	Chapter 11
In re:	
LTL MANAGEMENT LLC,1	Case No.: 23-12825 (MBK)
Debtor.	Honorable Michael B. Kaplan

# ORDER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF BROWN RUDNICK LLP AS CO-COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF TALC CLAIMANTS, EFFECTIVE AS OF APRIL 14, 2023

The relief set forth on the following pages is **ORDERED**.

Dated: June \_\_\_, 2023

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL B. KAPLAN

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

The last four digits of the Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 6622. The Debtor's address is 501 George Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08933.

Upon consideration of the Application of the Official Committee of Talc Claimants to Retain and Employ Brown Rudnick LLP as Co-Counsel Effective as of April 14, 2023 (the "Application"), pursuant to sections 328 and 1103(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Local Rule 2014-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Local Rules"), authorizing and approving the employment of Brown Rudnick LLP ("Brown Rudnick") as co-counsel to the Official Committee of Talc Claimants (the "Committee") appointed in the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "Case") of LTL Management LLC's (the "Debtor"), effective as of April 14, 2023; and the certifications of Sunni P. Beville in support of the Application annexed thereto and filed thereafter (the "Beville Certifications"); and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and the Committee having provided adequate and appropriate notice of the Application under the circumstances; and after due deliberation and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.
- 2. The Committee is authorized pursuant to sections 328(a) and 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to retain and employ Brown Rudnick as co-counsel to the Committee effective as of April 14, 2023.
- 3. Brown Rudnick shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Case as set forth in the Application

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures or orders of this Court.

- 4. At least ten (10) days before implementing any increases in Brown Rudnick's rates for professionals in this case, Brown Rudnick shall file a supplemental affidavit with the Court explaining the basis for the rate increases in accordance with section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code. All parties in interest, including the U.S. Trustee, retain all rights to object to any rate increase on all grounds, including the reasonableness standard provided for in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 5. The Committee and Brown Rudnick are authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order.
- 6. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.
- 7. Notwithstanding any provision in the Bankruptcy Rules to the contrary, this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
  - 8. Further terms of this Order shall be as follows:
  - (i) Brown Rudnick will only bill 50% for non-working travel and shall not seek the reimbursement of any fees or costs, including attorney fees and costs, arising from the defense of any of Brown Rudnick's fee applications in this case;
  - (ii) Brown Rudnick will agree to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases Effective as of November 1, 2013 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines");

- (iii) Brown Rudnick will use the billing and expense categories set forth in the US Trustee Guidelines (Exhibit D-1 "Summary of Compensation Requested by Project Category"), and may use additional categories that provide additional detail on work performed;
- (iv) Brown Rudnick will provide any and all monthly fee statements, interim fee applications, and final fee applications in "LEDES" format to the United States Trustee;
- (v) any and all compensation to be paid to Brown Rudnick for services rendered on the Committee's behalf shall be fixed by application to this Court in accordance with Sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, such Federal Rules and Local Rules as may then be applicable, and any orders entered in this case governing the compensation and reimbursement of professionals for services rendered and charges and disbursements incurred;
- (vi) Brown Rudnick shall use its best efforts to avoid duplication of services provided by any of the Committee's other retained professionals in this case;
- (vii) Brown Rudnick shall not charge a markup with respect to fees billed by contract attorneys or independent contractors or subcontractors who are hired by Brown Rudnick to provide services in this matter and shall ensure that any such contract attorneys or independent contractors or subcontractors are subject to conflict checks and disclosures in accordance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules; and
- (viii) To the extent the Pre-Petition Balance, <u>as determined by agreement of Brown Rudnick and the Debtor or by order of the Court in the event an objection is raised,</u> is not paid in full, Brown Rudnick shall waive any amounts owed in excess of the Allowed Pre-Petition Fee Claim.